

## ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

A forced hot air ice cream scoop and heater for facilitating the removal of ice cream from its container having a handle portion having a first end and a distal end, an inlet and an outlet at the first end of the handle portion, a body having a ladle disposed on the distal end of the handle portion, an air passageway extending from the inlet of the handle portion to the ladle and back to the outlet of the handle portion, wherein the passageway is in fluid connection with the inlet and the outlet, a heater having a heating element for generating heat and a blower for distributing the heat as hot air through the passageway, thereby heating the ladle. A temperature sensing device may be provided for sensing the temperature of the hot air, while an adjustable temperature setting device may also be provided for adjusting the temperature of the hot air. At least one port in the heater receives the first end of the handle portion of the forced hot air ice cream scoop, and an inlet air tube and an outlet air tube in fluid connection with the inlet and the outlet of the handle portion, respectively.